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**INTEGRITY COMMISSIONER ADDENDUM REPORT
CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT 2024-01
and MCIA APPLICATION 2024-01**

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
CENTRE WELLINGTON**

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. A formal complaint was filed with the Integrity Commissioner on October 1, 2024 (the “**Complaint**”) alleging that Mayor Shawn Watters (the “**Member**”) of The Corporation of the Township of Centre Wellington (the “**Township**”) contravened Section 6.2 of the Township’s *Code of Conduct for Members of Council & Local Boards* (the “**Code**”).
2. A related formal application was also filed on the same date with the Integrity Commissioner (the “**Application**”) alleging that the Member had contravened subsections 5.2(1) and 5.3(1) of the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.¹ This Application was filed pursuant to section 223.4.1 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.²
3. On January 14, 2025, we filed with the Township an Investigation Report into the Complaint and Application, finding that the Member had not contravened the Code or the MCIA.
4. Following the publication of the Investigation Report, we were contacted by a member of Township staff whom we had interviewed as part of the Investigation.
5. We were informed that the Investigation Report did not correctly describe the Township’s involvement with an Open House event held on June 27, 2024 (the “**Open House**”), which sought to recruit volunteers for Riverfest. The organization and execution of the Open House formed the subject matter of the Complaint.
6. The purpose of this Addendum Report is to clarify the Township’s involvement in the Open House based on a correction subsequently provided to our office by the Township staff person.

II. CORRECTION

7. The Investigation Report stated:

As part of the investigation, we interviewed the Township staff person responsible for coordinating the Open House. Through this interview, we were informed that the Open House was organized by the Town’s Community Services Department as part of its Community Connect initiative. According to the Township’s website, Community Connect is a multi-faceted program that “is all about connecting Centre Wellington residents to the services, businesses and ways to get involved, be active and feel engaged as our community grows.”

¹ *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50 (the “**MCIA**”).

² *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25.

8. The member of Township staff clarified that the Township played a role in supporting the Open House but the event itself was planned, organized and conducted by Riverfest. All open houses associated with the Community Connect program would be organized and facilitated by the participating volunteer organizations themselves.

III. CONCLUSION

9. The correction contained in this Addendum does not impact the Investigation Report's findings and is being provided for the purpose of clarification only.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated this 23rd day of January, 2025